

REMARKS

In the Amendment dated April 29, 2008, the “Amendment to the Specification” included an improperly underlined “new paragraph” that was being added. The current amendment removes the underlining.

Claim 1 is further amended to correct a formal error in the claim as filed on 04-29-2008. The undersigned noticed, after filing that Amendment, that claim 1 was written in Markush format, but the word “or” appeared rather than “and”. Applicants therefore amend claim 1 by:

- (i) deleting the “or” at the end of clause (a) (“...SEQ ID NO:3; or” becomes “...SEQ ID NO:3;”)
- (ii) changing the “or” at the end of clause (d) to “and”.

New claim 34 is amended without changing its meaning or scope to remove the possibility of an “antecedent basis” problem by changing “...transcriptional effects of **the** Gli family.” to “...transcriptional effects of **a** Gli transcriptional effector family member.”

By the foregoing amendments, (1) the amendment to the specification is believed to be formally compliant; (2) claim 1 is formally proper; and (3) claim 34 is free of any “antecedent basis” issue. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. (For support of the change to claim 34, see specification at page 3, lines 28-29; page 5, lines 9-10; page 32, line 6). Their entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 31, and 34-38 are active and in condition for examination and allowance, which Applicants earnestly solicit.

Respectfully submitted,

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